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Secretary Reagan announces Disaster Preparedness & Community Resiliency Planning Workshops

Sessions to be held in Prescott Valley, Payson, St. Johns and Sierra Vista libraries

State Capitol - Recent incidents such as the wind-damage, flooding, and closure of Burton Barr Central Library in Phoenix, the loss of McNary Community Library due to fire, and wide-spread wildfire and flooding issues across the state underscore the necessity for solid disaster mitigation and recovery plans. Even when libraries are not directly impacted by disaster, they often provide important resources for resiliency and recovery as the community grapples with immediate threats and disasters.

Library Friends, Board Members, and emergency management are welcome to register and attend. Attendees are recommended to bring a laptop for the workshop.

Prescott Valley Public Library -- Monday, August 7	Payson Public Library -- Tuesday, August 8
St. Johns Public Library -- Wednesday, August 9	Sierra Vista Public Library -- Friday, August 11

"Libraries are more than a place to just grab a book or surf the internet," said Secretary Reagan. "They are a place where the community can gather in times of emergency to access needed resources. These workshops will help our libraries prepare to serve the public before, during and after an emergency or disaster."

Don Byrne, a nationally-recognized expert on risk management, community resiliency, and business agility, assisted the New Jersey State Library in creating disaster preparedness tools, checklists, and workshops for libraries in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. He also recently co-led a full-day disaster preparedness and community resiliency workshop for the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

In this workshop, participants will:

- Learn how crises unfold and the valuable roles librarians play in helping communities manage disasters.
- Step through the development of a disaster recovery plan for their facility.
- Learn when and how to use various checklists and other tools to prepare for future disasters.
- Learn how to budget for a disaster so that resources will be available to assist in community recovery.
- Receive help in creating strategies for dealing with the operational challenges that arise during and shortly after a disaster.
- Learn how to work with local emergency management explaining the role libraries have in promoting community resiliency.

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